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SUBJ: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR LEBANON

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1. ARMY REPS STATE JAMMING EQUIP DESIRED IS INTENDED TO COMPLEMENT THE MONITORING AND DETECTION SYSTEM IT IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING. THREE LOW- POWERED JAMMERS OF 500 WATTS, HF TO LOW UHF (400 MHZ), IN SEMI- FIXED CONFIGURATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED. THESE WILL BE TIED INTO THE MONITORING CENTRAL COMMAND CENTER BY LAND- LINE COMMUNICATIONS LINKS. CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT AS FOLLOWS: JAMMING TECHNIQUES WILL BE EMPLOYED ONLY WHEN AN UNAUTHORIZED TRANSMITTER HAS BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS HOSTILE; DECIPHERING OF A CODED MESSAGE (OF WHICH LIMITED CAPABILITY IS ACKNOWLEDGED) IS NOT POSSIBLE; AND THE INTELLIGENCE VALUE OF THE TRANSMISSION DOES NOT OUTWEITH THE DESIRABILITY FOR SILENCING THE STATION. THE SYSTEM IS BEING ESTABLISHED JOINTLY BY ARMY AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES AND IS INTENDED FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST TACTICAL FEDAYEEN COMMUNICATIONS ONLY. THE ARMY CITES THE UNIQUE PROBLEM INLEBANON WHERE ENTRY INTO THE AUTONOMOUS PALESTINIAN COMPS TO SILENCE UNAUTHORIZED TRANSMITTERS

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BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS COULD TRIGGER RENEWED LARGE- SCALE
FIGHTING. THEY FEEL THAT JAMMING CLANDESTINE STATIONS
PROVIDES A BETTER SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM THAN FORCEFUL
ENTRY INTO THE CAMPS.

2. ARMY FURTHER STATES WILLINGNESS TO ENTER AGREEMENT
WITH USG THAT EQUIP WILL NEVER BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER
PARTY NOR WILL IT BE USED IN A MANNER INIMICAL TO USG
INTEREST.

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